

REMARKS

Allowed/Allowable Claims

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication regarding the allowance of independent claim 62.

Claim Amendments

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite precisely the same subject matter/language as is present in allowed independent claim 62, which has now been cancelled. Additionally, claims 44-46, 49, 51-55, 57, 58, 64 and 65 have been cancelled without prejudice for possible submission in a continuing application. Accordingly, pending claims 2-31, 34-43, 59-61 and 63 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 1, and are submitted to be patentable for at least the reasons supporting the patentability of allowed independent claim 62, the subject matter/language of which is now recited in independent claim 1.

The Applicant therefore submits that the above-discussed claim amendments place the current application in condition for allowance, and allowance of the same is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the current application is now in condition for allowance with pending claims 1-31, 34-43, 59-61 and 63.

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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